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LETTER DATED 29 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TOGO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a statement made by the Government of the Togolese Republic following the military coup d'état of 21 October 1993 in Burundi.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Soumi-Biova PENNANEACH
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

TOGOLESE REPUBLIC
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GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE GOVERNMENT

COMMUNIQUE OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

The Council of Ministers, meeting on Wednesday, 27 October 1993, under the chairmanship of the Head of State, General Gnassingbé EYADEMA and in the presence of the Prime Minister, Mr. Kokou Joseph KOFFIGOH, considered the situation created in Burundi following the coup d'état of Thursday, 21 October 1993, during which the elected President of the Republic, Melchior Ndadaye, and some of his close collaborators were killed.

The Council of Ministers condemns this disruption of the democratic institutions which the people of Burundi had freely established.

It also condemns the massacre of the innocent civilian population and appeals to the putschists to restore power to the democratically elected institutions.

The Council of Ministers invites all the people of Burundi to show scrupulous respect for the verdict of the polls in a spirit of national unity and reconciliation and to put an end to the suffering and massacre of the population.

Lomé, 27 October 1993

The Council of Ministers